

September 12, 2008

EX PARTE

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application of Embarq Florida, Inc., United Telephone Company of Indiana, Inc., Embarq Missouri, Inc., Central Telephone Company, United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc., Carolina Telephone and Telegraph LLC, United Telephone Company of Ohio, The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania LLC, United Telephone Southeast LLC, and Central Telephone Company of Virginia to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services, WC Docket No. 08-145

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 29, 2008, and as amended on June 27, 2008, Embarq Florida, Inc., United Telephone Company of Indiana, Inc., Embarq Missouri, Inc., Central Telephone Company, United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc., Carolina Telephone and Telegraph LLC, United Telephone Company of Ohio, The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania LLC, United Telephone Southeast LLC, and Central Telephone Company of Virginia the Embarq (collectively, "the Applicants") filed an application requesting authority under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules to discontinue the provision of physical collocation for expanded interconnection in the Applicants' service areas.

The Commission issued a public notice on July 18, 2008. On August 18, 2008, Kentucky Data Link, Inc. ("KDL") submitted written comments on the application.

The Applicants and KDL conferred to seek to resolve KDL's concerns. First, the Applicants have clarified to KDL that where the application says the Applicants will grandfather existing physical expanded interconnection ("EI") collocations, the Applicants mean they commit, as a condition of the application, to continue providing the physical EI collocation according to current tariffed terms and conditions, and will allow augmentation by existing physical EI collocators according to those terms and conditions. These terms and conditions will remain in Embarq's tariffs for those existing physical EI collocators, but will expressly not be available to any new physical EI collocators.

Second, the Applicants confirmed that collocation requests that are pending and in the process of being completed are included among the grandfathered collocations. Third, in the event the Applicants seek to end grandfathered physical EI collocations or any portion of the grandfathered services, including augments, Embarq will provide at least 60 days' notice to affected collocators and will, if required by law, file a discontinuance application.

Furthermore, Applicants have told KDL that they are willing to work together jointly with KDL to convert EI collocations to qualifying Section 251 interconnection agreement collocations, at such time as KDL wishes to complete such an initiative.¹

Having received these clarifications from the Applicants, KDL hereby withdraws its objections to grant of the proposed discontinuance, as clarified.²

The Applicants and KDL jointly submit this letter to the docket consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

Sincerely,



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¹ Applicants and KDL reserve their respective legal positions as to qualifications.

² KDL's withdrawal of its objections to the proposed discontinuance does not necessarily mean that KDL agrees with Embarq's interpretations of the law governing collocations.